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The 2021 Maine Virtual Hamfest

Thanks to the efforts of Joe Grace W1SK and Cory Golob KU1U, who put in countless hours to make it a reality, hams around the state, and elsewhere, gathered for the Maine Virtual Hamfest, on Saturday, March 6th... ***Read Full Story***

A Closer Look at the Maine Packet Network

SCARBOROUGH, ME – During our March 11th monthly meeting, Brad Brown KC1JMH, gave a presentation on the Maine Packet Network and demonstrated how to connect to a node, check and send messages, and some of the terminal commands needed to navigate it... ***Read Full Story***

MAINE 2 METER FM SIMPLEX CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

11th Annual Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge is Saturday, April 3rd!

Please join us Saturday, April 3rd, from 12PM-4PM for the 11th Annual Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge... ***Read Full Story***

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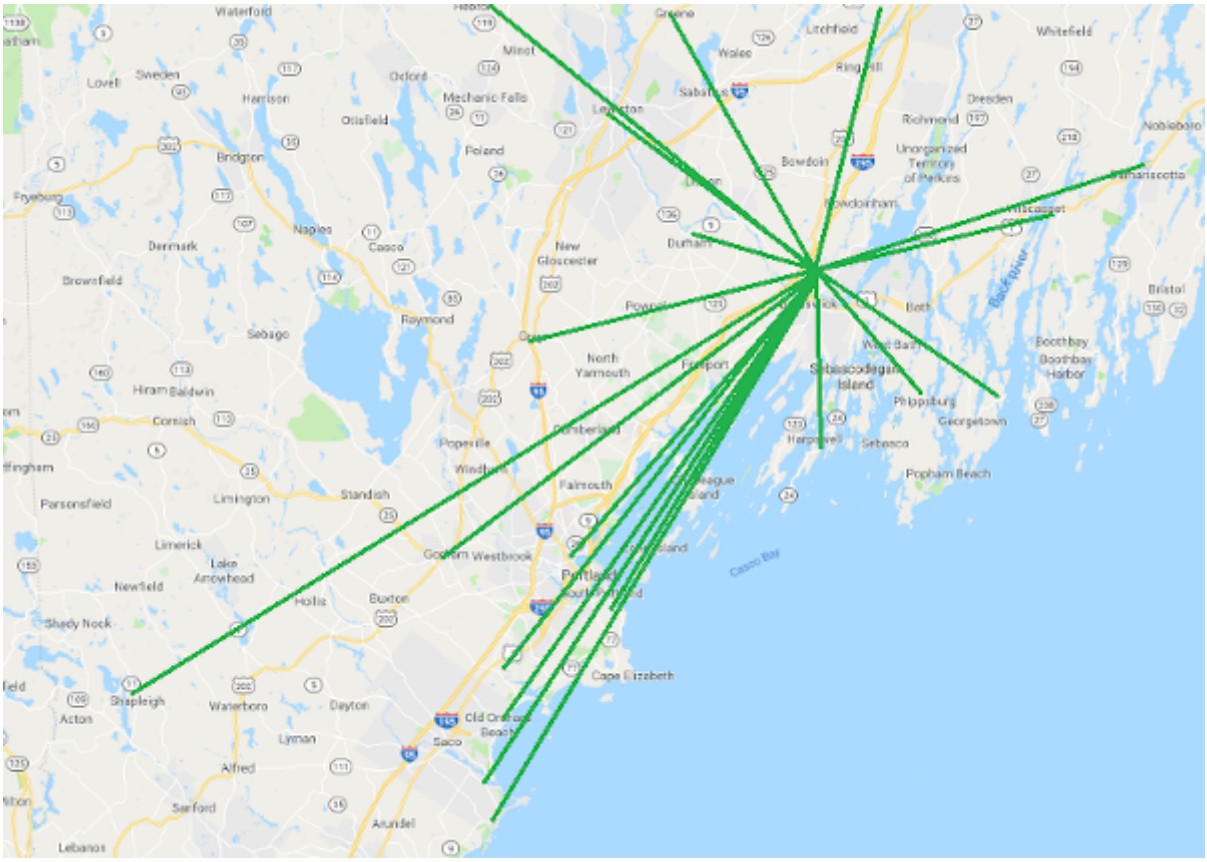
FCC Not Collecting $35 Application Fees Just Yet

According to a recent ARRL News item, published March 22nd, the new $35 amateur radio license application fee will NOT become effective on April 19th, as originally reported... ***Read Full Story***



2020 Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge Results

Congratulations to the 2020 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge winners! Bill Richardson NG1P, from Topsham, Maine, who made 67 QSOs, in 26 different towns, for a total of 1,742 points, took the overall win... ***Read Full Story***

Upcoming Meetings / Events

4/3/2021 - ***Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge*** *- 12pm - 4pm*
4/8/2021 - ***Monthly Meeting*** *- 7pm at 200 U.S. Rt. 1, Suite 210, Scarborough, ME & via Free Conference Call*
4/15/2021 - ***Meeting on the Air*** *- 7pm on 147.090 repeater*
4/22/2021 - ***ECT Training Net*** *- 7pm on the 147.090 repeater*
5/13/2021 - ***Monthly Meeting*** *- 7pm at 200 U.S. Rt. 1, Suite 210,*

Scarborough, ME & via Free Conference Call
*5/20/2021 - **Meeting on the Air** - 7pm on 147.090 repeater*
*5/27/2021 - **ECT Training Net** - 7pm on the 147.090 repeater*

QSL Corner

Above is a QSL for a report by Tim Watson KB1HNZ on 648 kHz, from 0015-0045 UTC, on 7 July 2020. Radio Caroline, which now operates legally under a Community Radio licence, was famous for operating as an off-shore pirate radio station, broadcasting pop music all day in a time when the BBC only played pop music for one hour a day. Ironically, it's current frequency, 648 kHz, was once used by the BBC World Service to relay broadcasts to Eastern Europe.

DX News

Our last issue left off just prior to the Holiday season, where in a normal year, there'd be several announced DXpeditions throughout the winter months. Obviously, many of those plans were postponed due to the ongoing pandemic, but there were still a few DXpeditions, including YI9WS (Iraq), 5T7OO (Mauritania), and JD1BMH (Ogasawara) through the end of December, and CP1XRM (Bolivia) from January 9-26, and 8Q7CQ (Maldives) from January 14-29.

In the weeks ahead we look forward to a Japanese DXpedition to Samoa, using call sign 5W7X, that is scheduled to begin March 5th, (with no end date announced yet), WW6RG will operate mostly 20m SSB from the Marshall Islands (KH9), on April 1st, PZ5JW will be QRV for the CQMM DX contest, from Surinam, on April 17-18th, and ON4RU will operate as FM/OQ3R from Martinique, from May 23-June 5th (QRV for the WPX CW Contest.

*For up-to-date news about reported DXPeditions, click here, to read the latest **425 DX News** Bulletin.*

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